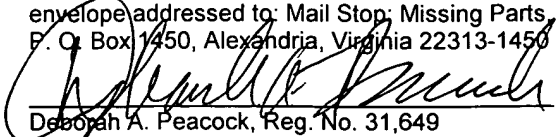




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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2004, be extended for two month(s), to and including May 7, 2004. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

For the Commissioner's convenience this Petition is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

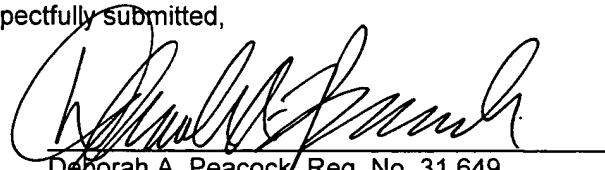
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